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*March 15th.*

Vice-President WETHERILL in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. Jacob S. Miller, of Philadelphia, dated March 1, 1853, offering to present to the Academy the Gun of the late Alexander Wilson, the Ornithologist. Referred to the Curators.

Also a letter from Lieut. M. F. Maury, dated National Observatory, Washington, March 10, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

And a communication from the same, containing observations on Atmospheric Pressure, which was read and referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Ruschenberger, Dr. Elwyn and Dr. Bridges.

A letter was read from Dr. H. Gibbons, dated San Francisco, Dec. 31, 1852, transmitting the specimens of fruit and leaves of *Podocarpus*, the donation of which was acknowledged at a previous meeting.

On motion of Mr Vaux, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain at what price the Collection of *Crania* belonging to the Estate of the late Dr. Morton could be purchased for the Academy, and also whether that amount could be raised by subscription. Committee—Mr. Vaux, Dr. C. D. Meigs and Mr. John Cooke.

*March 29th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committee on Dr. Hoy's "Notes on the Ornithology of Wisconsin," reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

*Notes on the Ornithology of Wisconsin.*

By P. R. HOY, M. D., of Racine, Wisconsin.

With few exceptions, the facts contained in the following brief Notes were obtained from personal observations made within 15 miles of Racine, Wisconsin, lat. N. 42° 42'; long. W. 88°. This city is situated on the western shore of Lake Michigan, at the extreme southern point of the heavy timbered district where the great prairies approach near the lake from the west, and is a remarkably favorable position for ornithological investigations. It would appear that this is a grand point, a kind of rendezvous, that birds make during their migrations. Here, within the last seven years, I have noticed 283 species of birds, about one-twentieth of all known to naturalists, many of which, considered rare in other sections, are found here in the greatest abundance. It will be seen that a striking peculiarity of the ornithological fauna of this section is, that southern birds go further *north* in summer, while northern species go further *south* in winter than they do east of the great lakes.

[\* Indicates those known to nest within the State.]

## VULTURINÆ, (1 species.)

\*CATHARTES AURA, Linn.

Found occasionally as far north as Lake Winnebago, lat. 44°. More numerous near the Mississippi River.

## FALCONIDÆ, (19 species.)

\*AQUILA CHRYSÆTOS, Linn.

I have a fine specimen, shot near Racine, Dec. 1853.